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SUBJECT: CONVERSATIONS WITH JAPANESE FISHERY OFFICIALS

1. ON FINAL VISIT TO JAPAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION REGFISHATT DISCUSSED CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION IN JAPANESE FISHERIES AND STATUS OF 12-MILE TW CLAIMS WITH KAMENAGA, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

2. KAMENYAGA INDICATED THAT MOST COMPANIES HAD DIFFICULT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS DURING 1975. SEVERAL COMPANIES HAD SOLD ASSETS AND STOCK TO IMPROVE CASH FLOW AND APPEARANCE OF FINANCIAL STABILITY. KAMENAGA OF VIEW THAT WORST IS OVER AND SITUATION IS NOW IMPROVING.

3. REGARDING 12-MILE LIMIT KAMQENAGA OF VIEW THAT ACTION WILL BE SLOW BUT MOVE IS POLITICALLY ATTRACTIVE ON DOMESTIC SCENE. IN REPLY TO QUESTION HE INDICATED THAT AT TIME OF ORIGINAL PROPOSALS TO GO 12 MILES JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY EXPRESSED STRONG VIEW THAT IF LIMITED TO FISHERY JURISDICTION  
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GOJ WOULD BE REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE CONTINUED USSR FISHING IN

SUCH ZONE. DECLARATION OF TERRITORIAL SEA TO 12 MILES WOULD ELIMINATE NEED FOR CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET FISHERIES.

4. IN FINAL VISIT WITH MATSUURA, JAPAN FISHERIES AGENCY, REGFISHATT INFORMED THAT JAPANESE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION OF ALASKA POLLOCK CATCH TO 1,000,000 TONS WAS UNILATERAL ACT FOR CONVERSATION PURPOSES AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AGREED QUOTA LEVEL FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MATSUURA INQUIRED IF WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO RELEASE INFORMATION REGARDING PLANNED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN MAY 1976. REGFIHSATT INDICATED THAT GENERAL STATEMENT THAT SUCH MEETING PLANNED SHOULD NOT PRESENT USG WITH PROBLEM.

6. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH EMBASSY LOS OFFICER JANUARY 9, COUNCILLOR YONEZAWA OF OVERSEAS FISHERIES DIVISION, FISHERIES AGENCY, SAID THAT AGENCY STUDY OF OTHER NATIONS' ESTABLISHMENT OF EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE REVEALED THAT IN NO CASE HAD FISHING RIGHTS BEEN DENIED TO TRADITIONAL FISHERS IN THOSE WATERS. YONEZAWA SAID RUSSIANS HAVE CLAIMED TWELVE MILE TERRITORIAL SEA SINCE CZARIST TIMES AND IN MODERN ERA HAVE VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED PROHIBITION AGAINST FOREIGN STATES' FISHING THEREIN. THEREFORE USSR WOULD BE UNABLE TO QUARREL WITH SIMILAR JAPANESE PRESCRIPTION. COVERSELY, IF GOJ WERE TO ESTABLISH EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE, AGENCY EXPECTS JAPAN WOULD BE TIED UP IN INTERMINABLE, ACRIMONIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIANS OVER PERMISSABLE CATCH.

7. FYI. KAMENAGA STATEMENT AS REPORTED IN PARA 3 AND YONEZAWA STATEMENTS ARE FIRST INDICATION OF FISHERY AGENCY INFLUENCE IN DECISION TO MOVE FOR 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA RATHER THAN FISHERY ZONE. PAST INQUIRIES THIS SUBJECT HAVE MET CONFUSED AND EVASIVE REPLIES. END FYI.  
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